



**THE**  
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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

**Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**

**"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building" 1 Cor.3:9**



## Invest in Futures

Give to Week of Compassion



**Special offering collected on Sunday, February 16 & 23 in both services.**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20 & 1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

*"The Life of a Co-Worker" Part 1*

*Rev. Jimmy Spear, preaching*

The next two Sundays, Feb. 16 and 23 will find our worship focus to be a key text from 1 Corinthians 3. Our focus follows the two Sundays that bookend what we call "the Week of Compassion." Could we as a church find ways to uplift in message, hymn, prayer and offering the work of our denomination's special relief offering? We will collect the special offering both Sundays.

Come this Sunday and next to find out and be invited into a unique Week of Compassion. Rev. Jimmy Spear will preach both Sundays with Part 1 of 2 messages this week entitled: "The Life of a Co-Worker."

Since we will be so close to Valentine's Day, our hymns for the day include three all about **love**: *Lord, Whose Love Knows No Ending*; *The Gift of Love*; and *Lord of Our Highest Love!* We will add another verse to our going out *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*.

### Student Ministry Event

~ Spaghetti Supper

~ Fun & Games

youth vs. parents,  
family vs. family

~ Hear plans for summer mission fundraising

~ For all JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF youth & parents - play & get to know other families your kids youth group with every week!



**Sunday, March 1 ~ 6:00-7:30pm**

Yonker Hall — RSVP to Jimmy Spear

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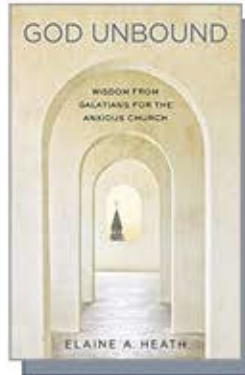
**Feb. 16** - Bonnie Backues (96!), Charles Dysart (90!), Sally Kessel  
**Feb. 17** - Patti Freeman, Brian McCarty, Jenny McCarty, Kim Potthast, Dan Tevis  
**Feb. 18** - Mark Mills  
**Feb. 19** - Sue Fink, Audrey Koch, Cullen Rose  
**Feb. 20** - Heather Mottaz, Landon Quinlan

## Lenten Book Study

*"God Unbound"*

*Coming this Lent, March 1-30*

Interested? Speak to Jimmy Spear. Books will be ordered and meeting time(s) determined based on those interested.



## Global Ministries Spotlight

*FCC Child Sponsorship*

Our church participates in the Child and Elder Sponsorship as a part of Global Ministries. Our gifts, in collaboration with other partner organizations, provide food, basic health care, clothing, and in some cases houses, school fees, uniforms, books and training. Since the late 1950s, this global ministry has been working to safeguard the future of children and elders around the world.



For the past three years, our church has sponsored twelve-year-old Patlo Gabatsholwe Metihaetsile (pictured below) from the Gumare village in the Northwest district of Botswana.

Patlo is a visually-impaired student studying at Phatlogo Primary. He lives at Lephoi Centre for Low Vision Children in Francistown, Botswana, where he has resided since he was a young boy. He is described as a "jolly boy who enjoys playing with friends and listening to the radio." He loves learning and experiencing new things.

In a letter sent to First Christian Church, Patlo wrote it is a two-day journey by bus to see his family. He states though he is blind, he works hard to compete with other children who do not have disabilities and his goal is to "make my parents proud one day." When he grows up he wants to be a psychologist so he can "support people who are less privileged and disabled."

Thank you to all who have supported Global Ministries through your donations and prayers.

-- FCC's World Outreach Dept.

## Join the STARS for 2020

\*Sign up in the office or on the Sunday pew pad when prompted



**March 12 (Thurs.) The Nelson Art Museum, Kansas City**

*Exhibit: Queen Nefertari: Eternal Egypt*

*Srs Tickets for this exhibit (general museum is free): \$16*

She was known as *The One for Whom the Sun Shines*. Discover the celebrated Queen Nefertari, the Great Royal Wife of Pharaoh Ramesses II. Experience the magnificence of royal palaces and tombs, including Nefertari's burial chamber, considered one of the greatest artistic achievements in the Valley of the Queens. Explore the daily life of the village where tomb builders and artisans lived, worked and worshipped more than 3,000 years ago. Drawn from the world-renowned Museo Egizio in Turin, Italy, the exhibition brings together works that present the richness of life in ancient Egypt, focusing on the role of women—goddesses, queens, and commoners. Experience the discovery of the tomb of one of the most famous figures of the time.

**April 30 (Thursday) Powell Gardens (outside Kansas City)**  
*Bloom Fest*

**May 14 (Thurs.) St. Louis, St. Charles**

**June 18 (Thurs.) Salad Luncheon & Movie/Speaker TBD**

**July 2 (Thurs.) Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock**

*Singing in the Rain - RSVP to Carol Slusher by April 1*

**July 16 (Thurs.) SHSMO - State Historical Society of MO**

*Columbia's new and dynamic resource*

**August 13 (Thurs.) BINGO!**

*Carry in lunch and bingo in Yonker Hall*

**September 17 (Thurs.) Jeff City & Linn, MO**

*Where Pigs Could Fly Farm & Pigs Aloft Museum*

**October 2-3 Overnight - Lake Ozark MO**

*Christian Church in Mid-America Assembly*

**October 22 (Thurs.) Fall Color Tour**

*New Haven/Washington/Herman MO*

**December 2 (Wed.) Maples Theater in Macon, MO**

*Irving Berlin's - I Love a Piano*



**JYF (grades 3, 4, 5) & Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)**  
Alt. Sundays 4:30-6pm  
**CYF (grades 9-12)**  
Every Sunday 6-7:30pm

### Winter/Spring Calendar

**Feb. 15—CYF Murder Mystery Dinner 6-9pm**

**Feb. 23—JYF/CYF**

**Mar. 1—FAMILY NIGHT! dinner & fun, 6pm**

**March 8—JYF/CYF March 15—Chi-Rho/CYF**

**YOUTH GROUP!**

# News of the People

## Prayers of the People...

Sympathy is extended to **Brianna Shepard Pooler** in the death of her father, Dennis Singleton of Mexico, Mo.



**Sharon Winner** is now under hospice care and residing at daughter Jill Salmon's home in Hermitage, Mo. Cards are most welcome. Send to c/o Jill Salmon, 23212 Oakwood Circle, Hermitage, Mo 65668

**Lorene Trickey** is the proud great-grandmother of Joel Nelson Seigel born on February 9, to grandson Paul and Melissa. Laurie Seigel is the proud grandmother.

## Frances sends her gratitude...

Thank you all for the lovely flowers, the ministers' visits and all the well wishes for my returning health. I am sincerely grateful. -- **Frances Brown**

## Help Wanted...

Weddings held at First Christian Church require a church staff/member present with keys, knowledge of the building and general assistance to using the space. We call the person a "**Wedding Liaison,**" and need them available for weddings that typically have a Friday rehearsal and Saturday ceremony. There is a \$100 payment for a Liaison per wedding. If you are interested in being on the Wedding Liaison team, please inquire in the church office with Fred Mottaz.

Do you have the time and interest—and talent—for selling things on **Facebook Marketplace** or **Craigslist**? With no garage sale being offered this spring, there are some items at church that need to be sold—excess older good condition furniture not usable after recent renovations. Items will need to be followed from picture-and-listing to out-the-door. Interested? Talk to Jimmy Spear.

## Open and Affirming Survey Update



*Open and Affirming  
Exploration Team*

After a hiatus for Christmas and New Year's, the Open & Affirming (O&A) Exploratory Team has tabulated and finalized the results of the Congregation-wide Survey, generated a report and sent those results and the report to the Elders. The Elders will discuss the results and report at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The report will be shared at a later date with the congregation. The O&A Exploratory Team leadership is changing. Bragg Stanley continues as a member and Kim Leon has agreed to lead the group. The congregation will be kept apprised of the process to come.



## Admin. Board Meeting

NEXT TUESDAY, February 18, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor



## New Member/Visitor Q&A Session

Sunday, March 8, 9:35-10:20am

Bethany Hall



Are you looking for a church home and considering FCC? Or have you recently joined FCC but are still looking for ways to get involved? Come to our Visitor and New Member Question & Answer on Sunday, March 8, 9:35-10:20am in Bethany Hall! You can meet with Dr. Brad and other church leaders and ask any questions you might have regarding our church to better understand who we are and how to be further connected. **All are welcome!** Please RSVP "Q&A" through the Sunday Pew Pads or through the Office by email or phone. We hope you will join us!

## Spring Training to Begin Soon

Sundays, February 23-March 15

Spring Training is a fun way to exercise and engage an important discipleship and spiritual discipline. Evangelism, asking others to come to church, and learn about God and Christ, is foundational to Christian faith development. It's important that while we enjoy wearing Red or Blue and supporting the Royal Blue Christians and the Redbird Disciples that we remember the real reason behind the fun – to invite others to church! The Evangelism Department intentionally chose the weeks of Lent for Spring Training as the days leading up to Easter. This is an opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to checkout FCC leading up to the Resurrection of Christ with the hope that they will return to join us for the wonderful celebration, which in turn has a higher probability that they will return again after Easter.



So please wear your red or blue, come join the fun! But more than ever, please begin praying to God, asking who should you invite to church? Who do you know that needs a church home? Who is God prompting to speak to about Christ? As one Evangelism Team member recently said, "I need Spring Training because it gives me 'a reason' to invite folks to church. If I don't have Spring Training, then I can let opportunity slip by and never approach that person. Spring Training allows me to say, "My church is having this event and I'd love for you to be my guest!" We hope Spring Training inspires you to invite folks to church in a fun way!

See you in church with your guests!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*



# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

-- The First Christian Church Staff



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**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Bus Driver:** Russ Palmer  
**Office Receptionist:** Pat Rybolt  
**Welcome Station:** Bob Dixon  
**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Mary Tompson  
**Warming Station**  
**Hosts:** David & Debbie Potthast  
**Bus:** Janelle Patterson  
**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**  
**Worship Assistants:** Carol Hughey and Susan Gray  
**Elder:** Cherry Hinderberger  
**Offering Counters:** Mary Moeller and Mary Daugherty  
**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**  
**Communion Prep:** Buddy & Kim Boger, Jan Davis  
**Greeters:** Steve Humble (N. Door) – Jessica Humble (S. Door)  
 Amy LaHue (Atrium) – Mary Jane Anderson (Portico)  
**Banner Bearers:** Cole Freed and Noah Stagg  
**Candle Lighters:** Dietrich Arnett and Cullen Rose  
**Liturgist:** Tommy Tomlin  
**Elders:** Harlan Hackett and Vicki Johnson - Larry Dietzel, Balcony  
**Deacons:** The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team  
**Children's Worship:** Eric Arnett (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)  
**Offering Counters:** Diana Provenzano and Janelle Patterson

**CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22**

**Sunday, February 16**

-Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee  
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am  
 -Student Ministry Groups:  
 -CYF, 6:00-9:00pm, Location TBD (see text)

**Monday, February 17 - Presidents Day**

-Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

**Tuesday, February 18**

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor  
 -Admin. Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

**Wednesday, February 19**

-Ladies' Book Club, 12:00, Bethany Hall (RESCHEDULED)  
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Keystone  
 -CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall  
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room  
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall

**Thursday, February 20**

-Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House  
 -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room

**Report for February 9, 2020**

**Total Attendance: 127 (8:30 service - 36)**

**Offerings: \$6,789**